

ODELL AND HIS "WISER HEADS"

BUSY MAKING EXPLANATIONS THAT DO NOT EXPLAIN.

Fiscal Supervisor Bender Appears to Be the "Wiser Head" of the Lot, but He Fails to Explain Why the Governor Should Have Control Over the Salaries of Employees in Charitable Institutions.

ALBANY, April 12.—Gov. Odell and his "wiser heads" upon whom he relies for the preparation of legislation to complete the centralization of control from Albany of the State charitable institutions and the State insane hospitals and reformatories, are kept busy these days explaining to the Albany correspondents of the newspaper apologetics of the Governor the criticisms of the Governor's grasping for further political power. But they have not explained these criticisms, nor have they explained why the Governor seeks, in the McEwan bill, to have just before election each year the authority to approve or to veto salary and wage increases in the charitable institutions.

The Governor has the final say on any recommendation in this regard the Salary Classification Commission may make. This commission meets two or three times a year at present. It comprises William Rhinelandt, the president of the State Board of Charities, and State Comptroller Nathan L. Miller. The Governor's apologetics profess to fear that the commission will hold continuous meetings during the year to submit to him proposed changes in the salary schedule.

When it is remembered that the State Comptroller and the president of the State Board of Charities are exceedingly busy men and receive no compensation for their duties on the Classification Commission, it can be seen how absurd is such a defense of the McEwan bill, which provides for only one meeting a year. Every one knows that the commission would not meet more than once a year if the Governor did not desire it, but the commission possibly might select some other time than just before election to do this work.

This bill was introduced at the instance of Fiscal Supervisor of Charities Harry H. Bender, a machine politician of Albany, and carries into effect the recommendation made by him in his annual report to the present Legislature. In this report Supervisor Bender, with characteristic modesty, recommended that the Salary Classification Commission be abolished and its authority conferred upon him. He said:

A comparison of the payrolls of the New York State institutions with those of other States shows that salaries in this State are much higher than elsewhere and are steadily increasing under the provisions of the present salary schedule, which makes length of service the basis of increase. It is not the chief ground for increased pay, and increases should be made upon the recommendations of the superintendents, with the approval of the Fiscal Supervisor.

Philanthropists who have the good of the charitable institutions at heart believe a graded system of salaries and wages, raised automatically through efficient service, is much to be preferred to anything which has, or is likely to have, the element of political favoritism connected with it. The Salary Classification Commission in arranging the schedules wisely provided that a large number, especially of the minor employees, should be compensated by this graded system, which eliminates to a great extent the evils of political favoritism. It is expected that employees rendering unsatisfactory service will not be retained at all, much less increased in salary. This is apparently what grinds on the Fiscal Supervisor. These employees are not sufficiently in his power or in that of his political master—Gov. Odell. The wages of some of the employees are at best ridiculously small. Consider women attendants in charge of the worst classes of idiotic and epileptic patients getting less than 50 cents a day, and never more than 60 cents a day, through the graded increase now allowed by law.

Doubtless it is true that more is paid to the employees of the New York State institutions than is paid to some of those of other States. But outside of the superintendents, who are at best ridiculously small salaries, and the few who are paid salaries equal to the fact that Supervisor Bender can cry out of the \$1,500 he asks for in a lump sum annually for alleged "expenses." Besides, there are many other State that would take a machine politician, absolutely without experience, for the position assigned to him and pay him a salary of \$6,000 a year, as has been done in Supervisor Bender's case.

All statements of the Governor's apologetics to the contrary notwithstanding, the Bender-McEwan bill attempts to do exactly what Mr. Bender recommended in his report to the Legislature; that is, to abolish the graded system of salaries and wages now provided for by the schedules, and to leave it to the Governor, of course with Supervisor Bender's assistance, to say just before election each year just what salaries and wages the employees of the State charitable institutions are to receive for the ensuing year. In other words, carrying out the recommendation of the Fiscal Supervisor, the salaries and wages are not to be increased automatically, as the schedule at present provides, but only "for the ensuing fiscal year," when O. K'd by the Governor, at the instance of the Fiscal Supervisor, who has been in his position since 1898, and who has had the experience of a practical politician can be trusted to know who to do and who not to run with the Governor's political machine. It is plain that the proposed change in the law for the sole purpose of opening the way for political manipulation of the service annually.

TOP FOUND FAT PURSE.

Gratful Owner's Husband Invites Three Cops to Dinner.

Roundsman John L. Falconer of the East Fifty-first street police station picked up a bulging silver purse yesterday afternoon in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He took it around to the station and opened it. There was a lot of money in it, the police say. There was also a card in it on which was written "Mrs. Walker, 264 West Sixty-ninth street." The police communicated with Mrs. Walker and she said the purse belonged to Mrs. Sibyl Lewis of 304 West Twenty-ninth street. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Walker later went to the East Fifty-first street station, where Mrs. Lewis claimed and got the purse.

Mr. Lewis invited Capt. Laney, Sergeant Powers and Roundsman Falconer to have a good dinner at his expense. They said they'd ask Gen. Green if it would be a violation of the rules to accept.

Pays a Fine of \$12,500 to the Government.

CANTON, Ohio, April 12.—George Meredith of East Liverpool, accused of violating the revenue laws, has settled the suit against him by paying the Government a fine of \$12,500 and costs amounting to several thousand dollars. The offense charged was changing marks and brands on packages of spirits and whiskey, making false entries and failing to make proper entries in Government records and with rectifying spirits without giving notice to the collector and without the intervention of a gauger.

CENTRAL PARK FLOWER SHOW.

Fine Specimens of Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Carnations.

There were numerous fine flower shows in New York yesterday, but none delighted more spectators than the annual flower show held in the conservatories at 100th street and Fifth avenue. Directors N. J. Rose and C. C. Olsen with their assistants have been uncommonly successful this year in producing the plants for the exhibition.

There are no novelties of importance among them, but the individual specimens are really such a high average as this year. The rhododendrons, which are opposite the main entrance, are one of the most beautiful exhibits in the conservatories. They are in white and lavender, unusually large and blooming in great luxuriance.

About the rhododendrons are azaleas, azaleas and Holland plants. Two uncommon features of the exhibit are a large camellia tree covered with red blossoms and an orange tree with the fruit ripe. There are also a lemon tree and a banana plant in fruit and a large Ananasia plant in pale shades of pink and yellowish red in the flower with which the gardeners have been most successful. Many examples of the flower are on view, and such full and perfect plants are seldom seen. Many of the azaleas are beautiful, and the examples of azaleas, yellow spiraea and narcissi are numerous.

Two old-fashioned garden flowers that have again come into favor are the bleeding heart, which has for years been banished from gardens, and the pelargonium, or geranium. The pale pink and red geranium. Both of these flowers will, according to Director Olsen, again be in style this year.

In the other house are an Australian fire tree, worth \$1,000, a sensitive plant that shrivels up at the touch and does not recover its freshness for an hour, a South American fig tree and other beautiful tropical plants. Among the most curious is the red tall flower, that looks like a curled pink ribbon. The flowers are to be on view daily for a week.

Among the carnations there are no new blooms, and the most successful shown are the pink and yellow Prosperity, which is especially large and beautiful. There are also fine specimens of the Gov. Roosevelt and the Lawson.

LILIES IN PROSPECT PARK.

The Plants Exceptionally Fine and Healthy This Year.

The annual display of Easter flowers yesterday in the conservatories in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, was admired by a large number of men, women and children. The principal plants were Bermuda and Japanese lilies, and according to the gardener they are exceptionally fine and healthy.

All of the lilies on view were raised in the hothouses. Much interest was taken in the pink house, where a number of the palm trees and banana plants were on view. There were also lemon and orange trees.

WAS HIS ELECTION ILLEGAL?

Possibility of Another Election for Supervisor in North Hempstead.

MINNKOLA, L. I., April 12.—It is said there may have to be a new election in North Hempstead to choose a Supervisor. Eugene V. Willis, who was elected on Tuesday, is now believed to have been ineligible. He was a school trustee, and it is asserted that a law which has been upheld by the courts makes a school trustee's election as supervisor illegal and void.

A school trustee, it is contended, must resign before he is voted for as supervisor and if he holds over and resigns later the election is void. It is thought that Mr. Willis might be defeated as then his would not be the only candidate's name printed on the ticket.

BRIGHAM YOUNG DEAD.

Was Chief of the Mormon Apostles and in Line for the Presidency.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 12.—Apostle Brigham Young, president of the Quorum of Apostles and heretofore to the presidency of the Mormon Church, died last night. Great interest is manifested in the appointment of Apostle Young's successor. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., and A. O. Woodruff are equal in point of seniority with regard to service in the Quorum. Each is more than fifty years of age. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., is an aged man, and the Apostle who succeeds Brigham Young will certainly become President.

President Young had two wives. His entire family was at his bedside and his last words were spent in asserting his faith in the Mormon doctrine. Mr. Young's career was a striking one. He crossed the plains with Brigham Young, his father, in 1843, and had gone on missions to almost every country on the globe.

COL. BILLY ROOT DEAD.

Old Frontiersman and Companion of Buffalo Bill.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 12.—Col. Billy Root, one of the best remaining frontiersmen who blazed trails through the West in Indian days, was found dead in his room today. Heart disease killed him.

Root was the companion of Buffalo Bill during the latter's early life and was the partner of Bill Nye during the latter's career in Laramie. Some of the first stories Nye published were actual adventures of Col. Root. Billy Root and Nye fell out, and Root sought Nye's life, but friends patched up peace. About this time Root made himself internationally known by his exploits in the fight with the Indians and Eastern parties.

MRS. POPPENHUSEN DEAD.

Her Husband Was President of the Long Island Railroad.

The memory of Conrad Poppenhusen, who founded College Point, L. I., and built and donated to the village Poppenhusen Institute, is recalled by the death of his widow in Hamburg, Germany, which occurred on Thursday last week. The news reached College Point yesterday. Her husband built the Enterprise Works, the largest manufacturing plant in the world, and was at one time president of the Long Island Railroad and built the North Shore branch, besides extending the route to the interior of Long Island. He died many years ago. A bronze bust of him has been erected in College Point.

Police Sergeant John McKenna died of Adams street station died in his home at 124 Carroll street, Brooklyn, yesterday, after an illness of ten days, of hemorrhages. He was 42 years of age and had been married for 15 years. He was a native of Ireland. For the last four years he had been attached to the Adams street station. He is survived by a widow and four children.

Obituary Notes.

Charles D. Whittall, a stationer in Nassau street, died yesterday at his home in East Fifth street, Plainfield, N. J. He is survived by a wife and five children.

CAPT. GORMAN'S SLOUCKY FIGHT

HE'LL BE LAID UP A WEEK; MAN WHO HELPED HIM MAY DIE.

They Stood Off 20 Italians Armed With Cues, Chairs and Glasses—Salemans Carroll, Who Came to His Aid, Will Lose an Eye—Heavy Battle for Assaults.

Capt. Michael Gorman of the Mercer street station, who was assaulted and badly beaten just after midnight yesterday morning while trying to arrest a man, will be laid up for a week, at least. His principal injuries are a slight concussion of the brain, a badly swollen eye and a seriously cut hand. He is black and blue all over from the blows he received.

Joseph Willard Carroll, a young salesman stopping at the South Fifth Avenue Hotel, who was the first to go to the captain's assistance, is also in St. Vincent's with his face beaten to a pulp. He will lose one eye and the physicians fear he will not recover.

Louis Terrelli, his bartender Emile Gargias and eight other men who were arrested after the fight in the saloon and in the hotel above it were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Barlow in the Police Court. Against each one was entered a charge of felonious assault to which will be added a charge of interfering with a policeman on duty. They were held in \$5,000 each for further examination. Terrelli and Gargias were able to furnish bail.

William Parvanti was arrested last night by Detective Sullivan and looked up at the Mercer street station. He is accused of having attacked Capt. Gorman with a heavy club, which is in the possession of the police, and of having dealt the blow on the captain's head which nearly finished him.

Capt. Gorman was able yesterday to give an account of the fight. He said he was walking along Bleeker street in citizen's clothes about 12:25 o'clock Sunday morning when he noticed that Terrelli's man was in the crowd and that twenty or thirty men, most of them Italians, were drinking in it. He entered the place and walked straight up to Terrelli, who was behind the bar with the bartender.

"I am the captain of this precinct and this is my authority," he said, opening his coat and displaying his shield. "You are running this saloon after hours, so I have to place you under arrest."

At that moment somebody threw a heavy beer glass at the captain's head. Capt. Gorman had just time to put up his arm, and the glass broke on his palm, making a bad gash and partly disabling him.

The crowd of Italians had in the meantime got in between the captain and the man he was trying to arrest. Some of them had armed themselves with cues from the adjoining billiard room, while others picked up chairs and empty beer cans. The crowd was so thick that the captain was unable to get through to the man he was trying to arrest.

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JAMES M. BECK RESIGNS.

Will Become a Member of the Law Firm of Sherman & Sterling of This City.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Assistant Attorney-General James M. Beck has handed his resignation to the President to take effect on April 30 next. In tendering his resignation Mr. Beck expressed his pride and gratification at having been privileged to serve under President Roosevelt's administration, and the following letter, written by the President on the day before he left Washington for the West, has been made public:

MY DEAR MR. BECK: I regret to receive your resignation as Assistant Attorney-General, which is accepted to take effect April 30 next, as indicated.

I appreciate your expression of the satisfaction you have taken in your public service. It is a pleasure to me to say that you have performed your duties with marked ability, and I hereby extend my best wishes for your continued success in your professional work, and for your health and prosperity. Sincerely yours, Theodore Roosevelt.

In regard to his retirement from office Mr. Beck said to-day:

"I have become a member of the law firm of Sherman & Sterling of New York City, and expect to commence my work there on May 1, and shall after that date be a resident of that city. I shall retain my present connection with my Philadelphia law firm. I leave the Department with very great regret. As a practicing lawyer I have been most pleasant, and I have every reason to be grateful for the opportunities that have been given me. It is a matter of course that I am in the hands of the Assistant Attorney-General Day and Special Counsel D. T. Watson. I was privileged to take part in the recent merger case."

Mr. Beck was appointed by President McKinley in July, 1900. He had previously been United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. As Assistant Attorney-General he has argued a number of important Government cases, among which, besides the merger case, were the lottery cases and the Neely extradition case, in which the power of the Government to govern Cuba after the treaty of peace was confirmed.

Mr. Beck's successor has been selected, but the appointment will not be announced for several days.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NOTES.

Miss Roosevelt Going to Baltimore—Earl of Yarmouth the Guest of Harry Thaw.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Miss Roosevelt, accompanied by Capt. and Mrs. Cowles, will leave Washington this week for Asheville, N. C., where she will spend a number of days. She will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt at Baltimore. Senator and Mrs. Depey will also be of the house party. During Miss Roosevelt's visit to Baltimore, Mrs. Vanderbilt will throw open the grounds of her place several days in succession for a bazaar in aid of the village fund. The bazaar will be held on Sunday of Mr. Harry Thaw at his residence in Lafayette Square. Mrs. Thaw and Miss Alice Thaw, fiancée of the village fund, will be in charge of the bazaar. Mrs. Thaw will be one of Miss Thaw's bridesmaids at the wedding, which takes place in Pittsburgh. At the wedding, which is also being held at the Vanderbilt-Nelson wedding in Newport on Tuesday.

SALARY \$720; WILL BE \$3,000.

Telegraph Operator Has Been Appointed Port Warden of New York.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., April 12.—Richard O'Brien, the telegraph operator in signal tower No. 88 on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, between Rye and Port Chester, who has just been appointed Port Warden of New York, at \$3,000 a year, with expenses, has been receiving scores of congratulations on his appointment. Mr. O'Brien says his success is due to hard work, perseverance and waiting for a chance for promotion. He numbers among his friends many prominent politicians, who aided him in getting his new position. He has been drawing a salary of \$60 a month as a telegraph operator.

Mr. O'Brien is 40 years old, is married and has four children. He lives in a small cottage at 50 Washington street, Port Chester. He says he has worked for a living ever since he was a boy. He has been in the telegraph business for 15 years, passing the tower to-day saluted the signalman, and trainmen and conductors waved their handkerchiefs and lanterns as they sped by. The engineers on the trains passing the tower to-day saluted the signalman, and trainmen and conductors waved their handkerchiefs and lanterns as they sped by.

Mr. O'Brien is well educated and a good conversationalist. He has been employed on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for eighteen years as telegraph operator. He is a member of the Republican party. He has a brother who has been associated politically with Lou Payne for many years. He is a member of the Republican party. He has a brother who has been associated politically with Lou Payne for many years.

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High-grade Tours to the Pacific Coast at Low Rates.

The Personally Conducted Tours which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run to the Pacific Coast on May 12 and 13, on account of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Los Angeles, will be of that same high grade of excellence which has characterized the Pennsylvania Railroad Personally Conducted Tours. Special trains of the best Pullman equipment will be provided. Experienced tourist agents, chaplains, official stenographers, and special baggage masters will accompany each train. The following low rates include transportation, Pullman berth, and all meals in the dining car while traveling on the special trains:

Tour No. 1: \$134.50 from New York to Los Angeles, including Yellowstone Park, \$253.00 from New York.

Tour No. 2: Including Grand Canyon of Arizona, \$159.00 from New York. The above tours present an extraordinary opportunity to visit the Pacific Coast, and interesting transcontinental points, in a thoroughly first-class manner, at unusually low rates. Intending tourists should make early application for space, as the various parties will be limited.

For further information will be furnished by Tourist Agent, No. 268 Fifth Avenue, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad street Station, Philadelphia.

THE POST OFFICE SCANDALS.

PROMOTIONS IN NEW YORK TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Investigation to Be Most Searching and Thorough—Each of 1,176 Cases to Be Inquired Into by Special Agents Against Macheen of the Free Delivery Division.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—This being Sunday, no new matters for investigation are scheduled for the Post Office Department catalogue of scandals. As the case stands now the investigations of the Department, so far as the New York Post Office end of the case is concerned, will be most searching and thorough.

While the charges before the Department set forth that the operations of the "promotion syndicate" extended to post offices in all parts of the country, its operations are said to have been most extensive in the New York Post Office, and the initial investigation will be made there. Each separate case of the 1,176 promotions authorized will be carefully inquired into, and the clerk promoted will be questioned in order to discover any possible violations of the "merit system" rule, which, it is asserted, has been rendered ineffectual by the operations of the syndicate.

The charges filed yesterday that Supt. Machen of the Free Delivery Division was in collusion with a buggy company, which sold buggies to rural carriers and that advance information furnished this company as to the establishment of routes enabled the buggy company to secure the "merit" trade, will be investigated in their spare moments by the several inspectors who are working on the various details of the scandals, indicating the existence of "rings," "combinations," "deals," "grafts," "games" and "syndicates."

The "buggy" case is distinct from the "mail-box" charges only in the difference between the two cases is that the buggy company is a legitimate business, while the mail-box case is a fraudulent one. The charges in both cases are the same, that favored companies secured inside information which enabled them to get on the ground where rural routes were about to be established, and their wares before rival companies in the same line of business had a chance to enter into competition.

Mr. Machen today is under a heavy charge. He has been previously asserted that he has had absolutely no connection with the alleged mail-box scandals. Postmaster-General Payne has signed an order prohibiting subordinates from signing the names of their superior officers to official correspondence without their own initials for purposes of identification. While Mr. Wynne will not discuss the matter it is known that this order was directed against the buggy charges. Mr. Machen's chief clerk, who, it is said, has signed Mr. Machen's name to official letters and public documents now on file, will probably be asked to identify, and that Mr. Machen's bona fide signature cannot be distinguished from the other.

At a high and low in the Department are anxiously awaiting the return of Postmaster-General Payne from his southern pleasure trip with his family. It is expected that he will probably be at his desk on the 15th, and his first official act will probably be to look over the catalogue of scandals and familiarize himself with the work of the Department, which is being done to make the Department's housecleaning a thorough one. It is believed that Mr. Payne's personal knowledge of the details of the scandals will do a great deal toward allaying the present hysterical condition of affairs with regard to the rapidly lengthening catalogue of scandal.

FLURRY IN DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Names of Visitors to Embassies Appear in the Diplomatic List.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Some comment has been made by members of the diplomatic corps in Washington over the appearance this winter in the diplomatic list of the names of visitors at embassies and legations, and while many thought this perfectly proper, others thought that it should be composed of only the direct representatives of foreign countries, their sons and daughters, with such acquaintances as might be accredited to the office, thus giving the list an official and not a social status.

Protests against such names appearing in the list were made to the State Department, with the result that the Department holds that it has no supervision over the matter of supplying names for the diplomatic list issued from its office each month, the lists from the various foreign representatives being prepared in their own offices and sent to the Department.

For years several of the South American republics have put the names of their near relatives who visited here along with the names of their own families, and no comment was made. Mr. Leger, the Minister from Hayti, has always included the names of the Misses Bourke, his nieces, along with that of Mme. Leger in the list sent to the State Department, whenever they chanced to visit here.

But no comment was made until the appearance of the name of Miss Langham, the German Envoy, in the first list issued after their coming to Washington. It has been understood, but not confirmed, that Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, protested, or at least strongly commented upon the matter, as the name of Mme. Pavlov, who is Miss Langham's aunt, spent the winter at the Russian Embassy previous to her marriage to M. Pavlov, Russian Minister to Corea, and for whom she is now traveling.

However, according to the information from the State Department, this non-appearance of the name of the Ambassador, the German Envoy, in the first list issued after their coming to Washington. It has been understood, but not confirmed, that Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, protested, or at least strongly commented upon the matter, as the name of Mme. Pavlov, who is Miss Langham's aunt, spent the winter at the Russian Embassy previous to her marriage to M. Pavlov, Russian Minister to Corea, and for whom she is now traveling.